and canals, which become silted up or are converted into holdings. They urge that all such encroachments should be discovered and removed. That shows that the Department is necessary at least to examine some classes of *poramboke*s. In regard to the details of the work done by the department, all that the Government can do is to remove evils as they come to their notice.

9. Organisation of Industries connected with Ginger, Pepper and Cardamoms.

MR. ITTIYAVIRA CHUMMAR (*Member, Nominated*) said that Kerala had been famous for its pepper, ginger and cardamoms from the time of Solomon, and that, from the days of the Assyrians, foreign nations had been trading with the country in those articles. The country had not been making the best out of its natural resources in pepper, ginger, cardamom, copra and coir. The value of the imports into the State was gradually becoming higher than that of its exports. The progress of education coupled with the natural increase in population had created the problem of unemployment. The organisation of industries connected with the above articles would, in the agencies required for the collection of the raw produce, and for the manufacture of finished articles, their transport and distribution, provide work for the unemployed. The successful establishment of some of such factory industries would reduce the scramble for the loaves and fishes of office and remove the present political discontent for which economic conditions were mainly responsible. The member thought that the people were hitherto content to remain as hewers of wood and drawers of water willing to be exploited by others.

As labour was cheap in Travancore, as the products mentioned above were almost a monopoly with the State, as experts could be got down from places where such industries flourished and as the necessary capital and machinery would be forthcoming if Government actively supported the proposal, the member was confident that the industries suggested by him could be established on a successful basis. The Government which once maintained a pepper department need not, according to him, hesitate to embark on such a venture.

DEWAN : I agree with what the member says about the improvement and promotion of industries connected with ginger, pepper and cardamoms. But I am not equally clear as to what the Government should or could do in the matter. The member charges the Government with neglect in regard to this question. I do not think that that charge is well-founded. We have started a pepper farm. We have made arrangements to distribute better cardamom seedlings. We are making arrangements to start a ginger farm. Facilities are given for the acquisition of land for the cultivation of these products. The member complains that money and machinery are wanting. What is the sort of machinery that is wanted, he does not tell me. As for money, it is with a view to create facilities for finance for the promotion of such industries that the State-aided Bank is being started. If the Government are convinced that any pioneer industry deserves encouragement, they are prepared to encourage such industry. Only very recently, we have sanctioned a grant of Rs. 25,000 for a pioneer industry, *viz.*, the opening of a factory for the manufacture of desiccated cocoanut. I do not think that the proposal that Government should start companies for trading in these commodities is a sound one. Government cannot obviously do the work of merchants. I do not think that there are any other ways in which the Government can encourage these industries. If any such directions in which the Government can encourage these industries are brought to their notice, they are prepared to examine them.

The House adjourned for lunch at 1-50 P. M. to meet again at 3 o'clock.

10. Certain Needs of the Minachil Taluk.

MR. ITTIYAVIRA CHUMMAR (*Member, Nominated*) prayed for the establishment of a Taluk Office and a Magistrate's Court at Monipalli. The peculiar conditions of North Travancore, which were not well known either to the Government or the Legislative Council or the Assembly, emboldened him to make that

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